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JULY 15

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BELOW IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMB. BENNETT,
TO THE SYG'S EMERGENCY OPERATION 15 JULY DONORS
MEETING:

QUOTE

MR. SEC- GEN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY INFORMALLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF YOUR EMERGENCY OPERATION. THE U.S. BELIEVES, THAT THE EMERGENCY
OPERATION - CALLING FOR TIMELY RELIEF OVER A TWELVE-MONTH
PERIOD THROUGH BILATERAL AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL CHANNELS - CAN,
AND SHOULD, MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO HELPING THE COUNTRIES
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MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY INCREASED COSTS OF ESSENTIAL IMPORTS.

THE CRISES IS BASED IN LARGE PART ON TWO CATEGORIES OF
NECESSITEIES - FOOD AND ENERGY.

U.S. EFFORT

THE U.S. READINESS TO COOPERATE IN INTERNATION EFFORTS
TO ALLEVIATE THE NEEDS OF THE MSA'S IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC
RECORD. SECRETARY KISSINGER SPOKE OF OUR CONCERN AND OUR
INTENTION TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTIVE HELP IN HIS SPEECH BEFORE
THE RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AMBASSADOR
SCALI SPOKE OF IT IN ADDRESSING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
IN GENEVA TWO WEEKS AGO. ON JULY 2 THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRE-
SENTATIVES REVERSED AN EARLIER ACTION AND AUTHORIZED A U.S.
CONTRIBUTION OF \$1.5 BILLION TO THE FOURTH REPLENISHMENT OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: THE SENATE HAD ALREADY
PASSED THIS LEGISLATION MAY. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL
ALSO BE DECIDING LATER THIS SUMMER, ONCE THE SIZE OF THE U.S.
HARVEST FOR 1974 OF SUCH CROPS AS WHEAT, CORN AND RICE CAN BE
ACCURATELY PREDICTED, ON THE MAGNITUDE OF UPWARD REVSITIONS IN
THE RECOMMENDED LEVELS FOR U.S. CONCESSIONAL AND GRANT FOOD
AID DURING OUR FISCAL YEAR 1975 WHICH ENDS NEXT JUNE. WE
HOPE THAT THIS CAN MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARD HELPING
MEETING THE EMERGENCY NEEDS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED
COUNTRIES OVER THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS. WE WILL KEEP THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL FULLY INFORMED OF ALL MEASURES WE INTEND
TO TAKE IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS GLOBAL EFFORT.

INSTITUTIONS

IT IS SELF-EVIDENT, OF COURSE, THAT NO ONE NATION'S ACTIONS
OR THE ACTIONS OF ANY ONE GROUP OF NATIONS CAN SOLVE THESE
PROBLEMS. THE TIME - AND THE CRISIS - IS TOO SERIOUS FOR THAT,
ALL VIABLE CHANNELS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE
USED FOR PROVIDING AND COORDINATING ASSISTANCE. AS REGARDS
COORDINATION, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY CONVENCED OF THE
DESIRABILITY OF USING EXISTING MECHANISMS FOR ASSISTANCE IN
THE INTEREST OF EFFICIENCY AND EXPERTISE. ALL SUITABLE FORUMS
SHOULD EXPLORE THE NEEDS. THE IMF COMMITTEE OF 20 HAS RECENTLY
AGREED THAT THE PROBLEM COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUSLY DISCUSSED IN
THE JOINT IMF/IBRD MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE TRANSFER OF
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REAL RESOURCES. WE ANTITCIPATE THAT THIS GROUP WILL COORDINATE
CLOSELY WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S WORK AND OTHER UN ACTIVITY
IN THIS FIELD.

DONORS

A RECUTION IN FOOD, PERTOLEUM AND OTHER PRICES WOULD BE
THE PREFERRED MEANS OF MEETING THIS CRISIS. U.S. EFFORTS TO

INCREASE OUR FOOD OUTPUT ARE DESIGNED TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A REDUCTION. BUT WE RECONGIZE THAT A COMPLETE RETURN TO EARLIER PRICES CANNOT BE EXPECTED FOR MOST IMPORTS. THUS, THE BURDEN FALLS MAINLY ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND ON THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE AID. WE WELCOME THE PLEDGES ALREADY ANNOUNCED BY COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO. HERE I MUST SAY I SHARE THE VIEW OF THE U.K. DELEGATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ENTITLED TO HEAR FROM A BROADER SPECTRUM OF POTENTIAL DONORS. WE HOPE THAT THEOTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE THE CAPACITY AND RESOURCES TO HELP THE MSAS WILL MOVE FORWARD TO DO SO AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

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